

Rousseau School Council Meeting
May 17, 2016 – 6:30-8:00pm

School Council Member Attendees: Mr. John Gris (Principal), Kim Strecker (Chair), Danielle Curry (Vice Chair), Kaitryn Campbell (Co-Secretary), Stephanie Gasko (Co-Secretary)

School Community Attendees: Lara H., Gint M., Melissa J.

Regrets: Tara Hamilton (Treasurer)

1. Welcome

2. Approval of March Minutes: Approval of last month's minutes was *motioned* by Danielle C. and *seconded* by Stephanie G.

3. Reports:

Principal Report – Mr. Gris:

- *Financial Update:* Was shared and is appended at the end of these minutes.
- *Purchasing Ideas:*
 - Refurbished Computer Purchasing: Proposal for purchase of 10 computers for \$2500 for classroom use. Voted on and passed.
 - Take Home Math Workbooks: Proposal for workbooks for Gr. 1-6 for \$6 each (\$1100 total). Voted on and passed.
 - MindUp Resources: Proposal for purchase of supplemental resources to support the program for \$800. Voted on and passed.
 - Green Screen Room: Proposal for purchase of green screen for \$200. Voted on and passed.
- *Volunteer Policy Update:* An update will be coming out as a Board initiative in Sept. 2016. All volunteers will be asked to submit annual offence declaration.
- *Cram-a-cruiser:* Is potentially being planned at Rousseau, to be hosted by Hamilton Police Services.
- *Parental Involvement Committee:* Volunteers are being sought. For application process please see: <http://www.hwdsb.on.ca/pic/join/>

Upcoming Dates

May 18: SK photos; Grade 6 Uniform sizing at ASPSP

May 20: Scientists in Schools (1B); Groove-a-thon

May 23: Victoria Day

May 25: Volunteer Appreciation Assembly and Tea

May 26: Scientists in Schools (1L, 1/2K, 2/3B); Track and Field Day; Fessenden Gr. 1 French Immersion

May 27: Awards Assembly

May 30 – June 3: Primary and Junior EQAO

June 7: Cyclemania (Gr. 2-4)

June 9: Science Fair

June 10: PA Day

June 13: Welcome to Kindergarten

June 14: Shakespearience for 4/5L

June 17: Fun Fair

June 21: Gr. 6 Farewell rehearsal

June 22: Gr. 6 Farewell ceremony & celebration

June 24: HWDSB Track and Field

June 27: Grade 6 Orientation at ASPSP

June 29: Last Day of School

June 30: PA Day

- *Year End Trips:* Planning is underway.
- *Play Day/Water Day:* Discussions for planning are underway.

4. Movie Night Reminder: Is scheduled for June 3 for 6:30-8:30pm for all grades, with parent supervision, to be hosted by the Rousseau Home and Schools Association, indoors at Rousseau. Blankets are recommended to bring along for seating, not chairs.

5. Home and Schools Association:

- *Volunteer Policy Update:* A Rousseau chapter has been formed in order to have bouncy castles at Fun Fair. In order to accommodate additional funding necessary for bouncy castles, so the Fun Fair date has been changed to Fri. June 17.
- *Groove-a-thon:* Has been planned and will occur Fri. May 20.

6. EQAO Dates Reminder: Will start Mon. May 30 and run until Fri. Jun. 3.

Action Item: Mr. Gris will look into student and parent training for scribes, and potential pre-testing opportunities for “non-testing” grades (i.e., non-Grade 3’s or Grade 6’s).

7. New Date for Teacher Appreciation Week and Lunch: Has been moved to Thurs. June 9.

8. Spending Update: As described above in Principal’s Report.

9. Other Business

- *Grade 6 Farewell Celebration:* Proposal for \$300 to support this event. Voted on and passed.
- *Chapters Night:* The proposed date for the 2016-2017 event is Tues. Nov. 29 (backup of Tues. Nov. 22).
- *Positive Space Events at the Elementary Level:* There was a question regarding opportunities at Rousseau. Mr. Gris shared that we do have a staff member to support these initiatives (Ms. Fawcett) and currently host Pink Day. There may be other opportunities for events or language. The Pink Day at Rousseau that occurred this year was discussed, with suggestions for how the even can be run next year (i.e., What is an appropriate way to celebrate the event? What is appropriate to wear?).
- *Screen Time Discussion:* There was a discussion regarding concerns surrounding how much student screen time is appropriate in the classroom, and whether Rousseau-wide classroom technology use/guidelines could be developed.

Action Item: Mr. Gris will bring this issue forward to the staff for discussion.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm. Minutes respectfully submitted by Kaitryn Campbell.

Next meeting will take place in September 2016.

List of Action Items – School Council Meeting May 17, 2016

Item Number	Action Item	Responsible Person(s)	Complete? (Y/N)
September-1	Follow up regarding the Hub’s availability/use in the future.	Mr. Gris	Y
September-2	Mark the nutrition free days on the school calendar(s).	Mr. Gris	Y
September-3	Clean up the current version of the Council budget report and provide all with a simpler version of the most recent expenditures/incoming funds in October.	Mr. Gris	Y
September-4	Confirm teacher participation in Chapters Night.	Mrs. Raymond	Y
September-5	Organize Rousseau Family fundraiser night in October or November at Buffalo Wild Wings.	Tammy Mansfield	Y
September-6	Follow up regarding the possibility of a Groove-a-thon occurring near Halloween.	Mr. Gris	Y, Tabled
September-7	Organize a vendors’ evening.	Kim Strecker, Honor Hughes, Danielle Curry	Y, Tabled
September-8	Look into a school that would benefit from Coat Drive fundraiser items.	Mr. Gris	Y
September-9	Lead Coat Drive.	Amy Wolfe, with Melissa Jeffrey	Y
September-10	Organize Book Drive.	Kim Strecker	Y
September-11	Providing a learning night or how-to sheet/UTube video to help families use School Cash Online.	Mr. Gris	Y
September-12	Organize Milk distribution in interim, collaboratively with other volunteers.	Leah Maskell, with Kim Strecker, Kaitryn Campbell	Y

September-13	Look into the availability of playground equipment available from decommissioned schools.	Mr. Gris	Y
September-14	Look into the possibility of providing an alert to “bus families” or recommend an alternative, viable course of action, to prevent students and their caregivers from waiting outside in inclement weather for an unreasonable amount of time, or caregivers from being late to work/additional responsibilities.	Mr. Gris	Y
October-1	Talk to teachers about getting “buddy classes” together to discuss including the elementary students in some way to generate ideas for school activities.	Mrs. Raymond	Y
October-2	Make a post regarding how to get School Cash Online registration numbers if parents have already registered in the past but misplaced access number.	Mr. Gris	Y
October-3	Look into the possibility of a partnership with Ancaster High to build additional playground equipment.	Gint Murphy	Y
October-4	Arrange to set up Synervoice messages to families re: bussing issues, for use should there be a need.	Mr. Gris	Y
October-5	Follow up with staff to discuss the feasibility of using Raz-Kids in classes, and the final cost.	Mr. Gris	Y
November-1	Updates from teachers to be provided in regard to how \$500/\$250 allotments are spent.	Teachers/Mr. Gris	Y
November-2	Principal Direction for Rousseau.	Mr. Gris	Y
November-3	Discussion regarding Classroom Reassignments.	All	Y
January-1	School Council summary of concerns/suggestions for Classroom Reassignments for consideration by HWDSB.	Laura H. leading with other parents assisting	Being worked on currently
January-2	Mr. Gris to provide a template letter for businesses requesting donations for Fun Fair Silent Auction.	Mr. Gris	Y
January-3	Mr. Gris to check with Mr. Peters to determine if scribes are required to assist with EQAO testing in May/June (May 25-June 8).	Mr. Gris	Y
January-4	Teachers to provide recommendations for supplementary learning tools to use at home.	Mr. Gris/Mrs. Raymond	Y
March-1	Work with teachers to brainstorm additional ideas to spend Council funds generated to be spent this year.	Mr. Gris	Y
May-1	Student and parent training for scribes, and potential pre-testing opportunities for “non-testing” grades will be considered (i.e., non-Grade 3’s or Grade 6’s).	Mr. Gris	N
May-2	A screen time discussion will be brought forward to the staff for discussion.	Mr. Gris	N

School Council Purchases - May 2016

<u>Date</u>		<u>Raised</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Funded through</u>	<u>Available</u>
05/17/2016	Balance Forward	4660.7		Purchases	4051.63
04/13/2016	enhanced materials ELP2		460.33		4200.37
04/20/2016	enhanced materials 3/4B		32.55		4167.82
12/5/2016	enhanced materials ELP2		116.19		4051.63
TBA	enhanced materials		app 850	being processed	
05/17/2016	Balance Forward	5325.32		Trips	3573.08
8/4/2016	Scientists in Schools - Gr 3-5		175x3	525	4028.53
04/26/2016	Gr. 6 warplane heritage museum		231.45		3797.08
6/5/2016	Gr. 6 flight workshop		224		3573.08
TBA	medieval times		663	being processed	
05/17/2016	Balance Forward	3500		Fun Fair	3500
05/17/2016	Balance Forward	974.3		Popcorn	1550.95
05/17/2016	Balance Forward	964.82		Pita Pit	1844.82
TBA			1156	being processed	
05/17/2016	Balance Forward	516.68		Touch a Truck	516.68
05/17/2016	Balance Forward	29.58		Spirit Wear	29.58
05/17/2016	Balance Forward	0		Hot Dogs	245.71

TOTAL AVAILABLE **15312.45**